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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AFGHAN PAK RELATIONS

1. DURING CALL BY POLOFF ON GHAFAR (DIRECTOR, FIRST POLITICAL DEPT, MFA), LATTER HAD FOLLOWING TO SAY ON SUBJECTS INDICATED.

2. NOMAD PROBLEM - GHAFAR STATED GOA HAD LEARNED THROUGH PAKISTANI PRESS THAT 300 NOMADS HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY PAK AUTHORITIES IN BALUCHISTAN AFTER THEY HAD CROSSED BORDER NEAR PARACHINAR. ALTHOUGH MFA HAS ASKED ITS EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD TO REPORT DETAILS, NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE EITHER FROM ITS EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD NOR FROM PAK EMBASSY KABUL. ON BROADER CONTEXT NOMAD ISSUE, GHAFAR COMPLAINED PAK EMBASSY KABUL HAD STILL NOT BEEN ABLE RESPOND AFGHAN REQUEST THAT PAKS ISSUE VISAS OR MAKE OTHER SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOMADS ENTER PAKISTAN THIS YEAR. HE ADDED PRESSURES BUILDING UP ON GOA AND SOME NOMADS ARE CROSSING ANYHOW (AS EVIDENCED BY ARRESTS CITED ABOVE).

3. ISLAMIC CONFERENCE - GHAFAR SAID GOA HAD BEEN INVITED ATTEND FONMIN AND HEAD OF STATE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN LAHORE IN EARLY

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74. HE SAID GOA DID NOT WANT TO ATTEND AT THAT LEVEL AND WOULD INSTEAD SEND AMBASSADOR IN AREA (PRESUMABLY POPAL, BUT HE DID NOT RULE OUT PAZHWAK NOR ZALMAI GHAZI). HE ASKED LATTER POINT BE HELD VERY CLOSE UNTIL GOA MAKES PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH NOT EXPECTED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

4. POPAL VISIT - GHAFAR SAID AFGHAN AMBASSADOR POPAL HAD

VISITED KABUL THREE DAYS AT HIS REQUEST AND RETURNED ISLAMABAD LAST WEEK. POPAL SAW PRESIDENT DAOUD AND DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH; BUT GHAFAR DID NOT SEE HIM. TO BEST GHAFAR'S KNOWLEDGE, POPAL DID NOT RETURN TO PAKISTAN WITH ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO PURSUE NOMAD ISSUE NOR POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN DAOUD AND BHUTTO. GHAFAR REITERATED, AT THIS POINT, WHAT MFA HAD STATED IN RESPONSE BHUTTO'S RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE AND RE-AFFIRMED AFGHAN WILLINGNESS MEET WITH BHUTTO IF CENTRAL ISSUE OF PUSHTUNISTAN WERE ON AGENDA. PLAYING DEVIL'S ADVOCATE, POLOFF ASKED IF THIS MEANT DISCUSSION OF PUSHTUNS AND BALUCHIS RESIDING IN AFGHANISTAN AS WELL AS IN PAKISTAN. SUBSEQUENT LECTURE WAS BRIEFER THAN ANTICIPATED.
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